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FOREIGN NEWS ON APPLES

## THE BRITISH APPLE MARKET

Barreled apples made somewhat better prices on the Liverpool auction Wednesday, February 18, than last week, according to a cable from Fred A. Motz, Fruit Specialist in Europe for the Foreign Service of the Department of Agriculture. Boxed apples were a few cents lower than last week. Many lots were withdrawn from the auction because of unsatisfactory prices. Supplies of both boxes and barrels were moderate. Demand was slow for boxes but improved for high grade barreled fruit. The general condition of both boxed and barreled apples was good but many lots of barrels continue to show scald when not packed in shredded oiled paper. New York Rhode Island Greenings met with slow inquiry, due to scald. Basket stocks were moderate and were in good demand.

London barreled apple prices were similar to those ruling at Liverpool with the exception of New York Rhode Island Greenings, which were lower. The condition of the latter was variable and many of those not packed in shredded oiled paper were scalded. Inquiry was fair for the moderate supplies of boxed apples. Most of these consisted of Oregon and California Newtowns. Prices were not much changed from last week for the Oregon Newtowns. Fancy 188/smaller California Newtowns sold at about \$2.43 per box. A few lots of Pennsylvania boxed Staymans were offered on the auction and met a moderate demand. Fancy 150/175 Pennsylvania Staymans sold at about \$2.04 and the 188/smaller around \$2.13 per box.

Jinter Melis pears from Oregon were in light supply and met with a moderate demand on the Liverpool auction. Prices were a little higher than those ruling last week. The condition of the fruit was good. Pear shipments from South Africa are increasing. The first shipments of Australian pears are expected to arrive in the United Kingdom about the first week in March.

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Prices paid for American fruit at Liverpool and London Liverpool London 1930 Variety, grade and origin 1931 1931 :February 19 :February 11 :February 18 :February 18 APPLES Dollars Dollars Dollars Dollars York Imperials, Va. U. S. No. 1, 2 inch min....: 6.20-6.45: 6.33-6.81 U. S. No. 1,  $2\frac{1}{4}$  inch min...: 6.81-7.30: 7.06-7.79: 7.06-7.79: 7.06-7.54 6.33-6.81: Comb. No. 1 and Comp2 inch min: 6.20-6.69: Utility 24 inch min....: 5.47-5.72: Albemarle Pippins, Va. ...: U. S. No. 1,  $2\frac{1}{4}$  inch min...: 10.22-10.71: 8.03-8.52: 7.79-8.27: U. S. No. 1,  $2\frac{1}{2}$  inch min...: 9.00 9.25-9.73: Comb. U. S. No. 1 and Util- : ity  $2\frac{1}{2}$  inch min: 7.79-8.27: 8.15-8.76: Unclassified 2 inch min...: 6.45-6.81: 6.45 Winesaps, Va. U. S. No. 1,  $2\frac{1}{4}$  inch min...: 6.81-7.30: 6.81-7.06: 6.81-7.30: Comb. U. S. No. 1 and Com. :  $2\frac{1}{4}$  inch min..... 6.08-6.57: Staymans, Va. U. S. No. 1, 2 inch min...:: 5.84 5.30-6.28 Utility  $2\frac{1}{4}$  inch min....: 6.69-7.18: Rhode Island Greenings, N. Y.: 5.84-6.33: 4.50-5.60 U. S. No. 1,  $2\frac{1}{4}$  inch min...: 5.72-6.08: U. S. No. 1,  $2\frac{1}{2}$  inch min...: 6.33-6.81: 6.45-6.93: Utility 21 inch min....: 4.87-5.35 6.08-6.81: Baldwins, N. Y. U. S. No. 1,  $2^{\frac{1}{2}}$  inch min...: 6.33-6.57: 6.57-7.18: Utility 2½ inch min....: 5.72 : Baldwins, New England :: U. S. No. 1,  $2\frac{1}{4}$  inch min...: :a/ 6.57-7.06: 6.45-6.69: U. S. No. 1, 2½ inch min....: :a/ 7.06-7.54: 6.93-7.54: BASKETS: York Imperials, Va. .... Comb. U. S. No. 1 and Com. 2½ inch min....: 2.31 Staymans, Va. Utility 22 inch min....: 2.01 Rome Beautys, Va. Comb. U. S. No. 1 and Com. 2 inch min....: 2.25 Golden Delicious, Va. : U. S. No. 1,  $2\frac{1}{2}$  inch min...: 1.95 BOXES: Newtowns, Oregon Fancy 150/175....: 2:68-2.80: 2.68-2.74: 2.68 Spitzenbergs, Oregon : C grade 150/175....: 2.31 C. grade 188/smaller...: 2.25 Winesaps, Wash. Extra fancy 188/smaller....: 2.68 2.62 BOXES: PEARS Winter Nelis, Oregon : Fancy 100/120's....: 3.04 Fancy 135/150's....: 2.92-3.04: 3.04-3.16: 2.55-2.80: Fancy 165/180's....: NOTE: Quotations are for fruit in good condition unless otherwise noted. a/ Maine.

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